

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants note that the Examiner has incorrectly listed the pending claims. The pending claims are Claims 1-10 **and 17-21**. Claims 17-21 were included with the Amendment filed August 26, 2003.

The rejection of Claims 1-2, 4 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over DE2851832 (Henkel), is respectfully traversed. The Examiner relies on compound S₆, which the Examiner finds reads on the presently-claimed invention. In reply, the Examiner is incorrect for the following reasons. The presently-claimed antifoam and/or deaerater (antifoam) exhibits terminal hydroxyl groups, i.e., the compounds are all 1-ols. On the other hand, S₆ of Henkel is a 2-hydroxy-dioctadecylsulfide. Indeed, formula (I) of Henkel contains no terminal hydroxyl group. In addition, the present invention is drawn to oil-in-water dispersions, while Henkel describes foam regulating **powders** for washing and cleaning agents and water softeners (page 2, second paragraph). The washing and cleaning agents and water softeners are generated by mixing the components in solid form, i.e., by spray drying, or in melted (not in dispersed) form (page 4, second paragraph).

For all the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection over Henkel be withdrawn.

The rejections of Claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejection is now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that it be withdrawn.

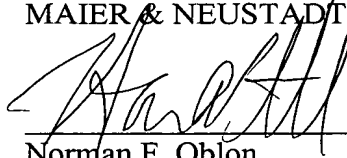
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowability of the subject matter of Claims 3, 5 and 6. Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the presently pending claims in this application are now in immediate condition for

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allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to
issue.

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